

PROPOSED RULE CHANGES SUMMARY

571—IAC Chapter 61 – State Parks, Recreation Areas and State Forest Camping

The State Parks Bureau of the Iowa DNR is in the process of establishing rental fees for new cabins and shelters which will require rule making. We would like input from the public before proceeding with formal rule making. Input will be accepted via e-mail, regular mail or orally. The deadline for providing input is December 1, 2014.

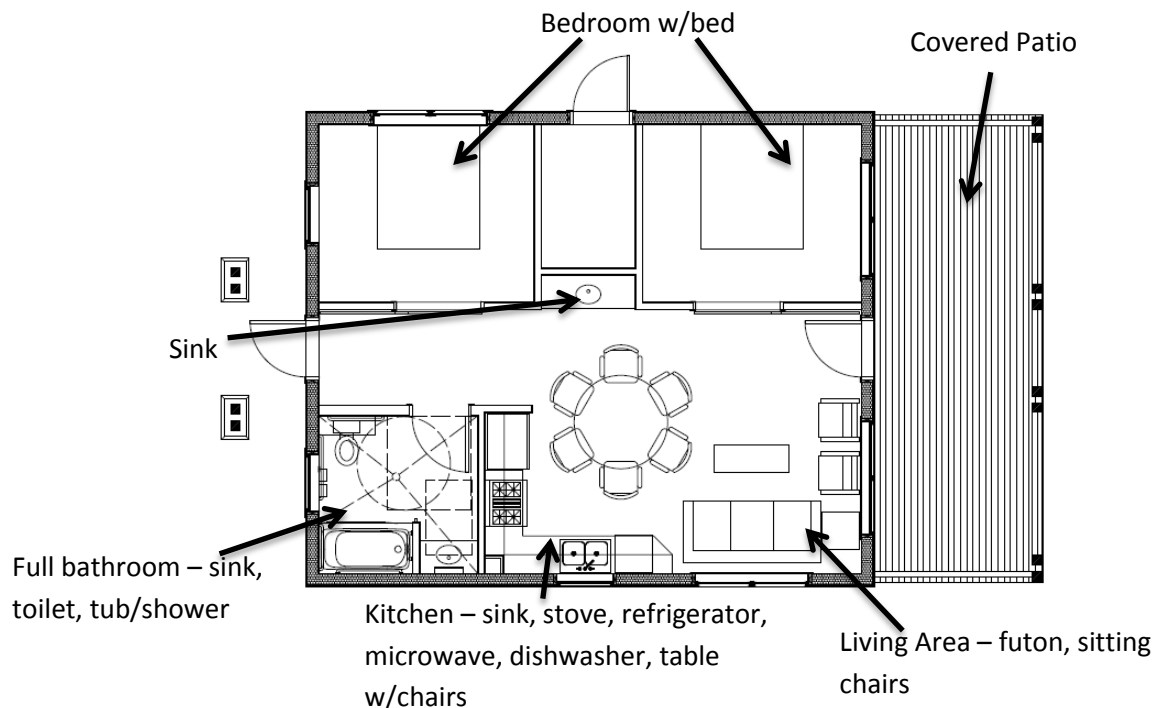
1. Two-bedroom Modern Family Cabins – Lake Darling State Park & Brushy Creek State Recreation Area

PROPOSED RENTAL FEE: \$85/night plus tax & \$510/week plus tax (7 nights)

The proposed fees reflect the same fees for cabins in other parks that are similar in size/amenities.

New modern family cabins are will be constructed in 2014/2015 in two parks. The cabins will be complete with a full kitchen, kitchen table w/six chairs, living area with futon and sitting chairs, two bedrooms each with a full or queen-sized bed (one room may have a twin bunk on top), a full bathroom, covered patio, outdoor seating and fire ring. The cabins will be operated like all other modern family cabins and will be available year-round.

Six (6) two-bedroom cabins will be built at Lake Darling and with a construction completion of September 2015. One or two (1 or 2) two-bedroom cabins will be built at Brushy Creek with a construction completion of late 2015. The cabin(s) at Brushy are non-equestrian cabins. Future plans at Brushy Creek include cabins for equestrian riders.



2. Large Picnic Shelters

PROPOSED RENTAL FEE: \$75/day plus tax
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A new large picnic shelter design is now being used in state parks. These new shelters are two to four times larger than other existing park shelters. The new shelters can accommodate anywhere from 150-200 people and are equipped with electricity. Currently, there is only rental fee for all open picnic shelters. Because of the significant increase in size, the State Parks Bureau would like to establish a new shelter category and fee structure. The large shelter category would be for shelters with a dimension size of 60' x40' (2600 square feet) or larger.

The three beach shelters at Big Creek State Park and the Cottonwood Shelter at Lake Darling State Park which have been constructed would fall into this new shelter size and rental fee. It is also anticipated that a large shelter will also be constructed at Brushy Creek in FY16 or 17.



Big Creek State Park Large Shelters (3 total) – Beach 1, 2, 3



Lake Darling – Cottonwood Shelter

3. Cabana-style Shelters

PROPOSED RENTAL FEE: \$15/day plus tax
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A new style shelter has also been created called a cabana-style shelter. These small versions of picnic shelters are located along the sandy beach and are intended for use by people using the beach. They have one picnic table that fits under the roof. Because these are smaller than the typical small open picnic shelter, the State Parks Bureau would like to establish a new shelter category and rental fee.



Big Creek Beach Cabana

COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 4:30 PM (CST) DECEMBER 1, 2014

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TENTATIVE RULE MAKING SCHEDULE
Notice of Intended Action – February 2015
Public Hearing – March 2015
Final and Adopted Action – May 2015
Fees go into Effect – mid-July 2015